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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information which may be considered material to the patentability of this application. This information is listed on the accompanying form.

A copy of document 1, which is listed on the accompanying form, PTO/SB/08A, has not been submitted since submission of copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications is no longer required under 37 CFR 1.98.

Applicants respectfully request that this document be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of PTO/SB/08A (one page), submitted herewith, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully

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requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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